

VILLAGE OF BREWSTER
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
3 JUNE 2020
7:30 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Brewster is holding a virtual regular meeting at 7:30 PM, on June 3, 2020 through Zoom Meeting. The Meeting ID is 207 812 8623 and the phone number needed to call in is 1-929-205-6099.

Attendees:

Mayor: James Schoenig
Deputy Mayor and Trustee: Christine Piccini
Trustees; Mary Bryde, George Gaspar, Tom Boissonnault
Village Police Chief:
Village Engineer: Todd Atkinson
Village Counsel: Anthony Molé
Clerk & Treasurer: Michelle Chiudina
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer:

Absent:

John Del Gardo

Donna Milazzo

Pledge to flag.

Notation of Exits –

Mayor Schoenig motions to open to meeting, Trustee Bryde 2nd, all in favor 5 to 0.

Regular Meeting

1. Proclamation of Appreciation for Reverend Wongee Joh. Mayor Schoenig delivers the proclamation of appreciation for Reverend Wongee Joh for her years of service to her community. The Board asks Jean Baker to thank Reverend Joh, who is accepting this proclamation on her behalf and Ms. Baker thanks the Board for the proclamation.
2. Monthly Reports
 - 2.1. Engineer's Report: May, 2020. Mr. Todd Atkinson delivers the Engineer's Report for May, 2020. Copies will be attached to these minutes. Trustee Bryde notes the difference and flows between last month's report and this month's report and states that it may be due to the lack of rain, Mr. Atkinson agrees, and states that it is a difference of 1,000 gallons and the amount is in the zone that the Village normally is. Mr. Atkinson mentions there are two sink holes in the road where the owner of 530 North Main did work and he will be notified so it is remediated. Mr. Atkinson gives the Board an update on the Carmel Avenue Bridge project, as they have received approval from the Putnam County Health Department to make the changes to the water and sewer lines. He informs the Board that the project will start picking up more through the rest of this year. Mr. Atkinson would like to make the Board aware that work should begin soon on the Wells Park Bike Path Connector that the Village received a grant for, because the funds are only good until the end of this year. Mayor Schoenig motions to approve the Engineer's Report for May, 2020, Trustee Gaspar 2nd, all in favor 5 to 0.
 - 2.2. ZBA Report, 2020. Clerk Chiudina did not receive a report for the Zoning Board of Appeals, but mentions that there has not been a meeting.
 - 2.3. DPW Report: May, 2020. Mr. Domenic Consentino delivers the DPW Report for May, 2020. Mr. Consentino says the Town's street sweeper came through on Friday, and he is working with the Town with some paving work on Allview Avenue this summer. Mr. Consentino mentions that the DPW workers have been cutting the grass and he has been working on doing water meter reads for the July billing. Deputy Mayor Piccini asks how often does the street cleaner come through the Village, verifying if it is once a year or does his department try to get it more often than that. Mr. Consentino says the street sweeper usually comes through the Village Earth Day weekend and before the Firemen's Day Parade, but because both were canceled, we did not schedule for them to come through the Village. He notes that the street sweeper was being repaired, which caused a delay as well. The Town also has a new vacuum truck to clean out the catch basins and Mr. Consentino will be notified when that can be used. Mr.

Consentino mentions that the new Town Highway Superintendent is very helpful. Mayor Schoenig motions to accept the DPW report for May, 2020, Trustee Gaspar 2nd, all in favor 5 to 0.

2.4. Planning Board Report: May, 2020. Mr. Richard Lowell emailed Clerk Chiudina with his report of no activity but mentions there will be a meeting on June 16, 2020. Mayor Schoenig motions to approve the Planning Board May, 2020 report of no activity, Trustee Boissonnault, 2nd all in favor 5 to 0.

3. Financial Report. Clerk Chiudina delivers the financial report. The 2020 Budget year has ended and the 2021 has just begun. Below are the budget adjustments necessary to close out the rest of the year. We were able to move some under-expended funds to funds that were over-expended. Deputy Mayor Piccini asks about difference in the budget and the actual balance for the refuse and garbage line that is being adjusted and why there was a difference. Clerk Chiudina explained that the administrative lines were under-expended so that money went to the personnel line that was over-expended in the refuse account, which is mainly caused by hourly employees exceeding the number of hours worked that was originally budgeted for.

3.1. Budget Adjustments for 2020 Budget. Mayor Schoenig motions to approve the budget adjustments for fiscal year 2020, Trustee Gaspar 2nd all in favor 5 to 0.

4. 571 North Main Street – Special Exception Use Permit (SEUP). William Schilling representing Longview School, along with Mr. Mark Jacobs, the founder and the director of Longview School, Mr. James Nixon, the project engineer, and Mr. Frank Smith, who is Mr. Schilling's his associate. Mr. Schilling discusses specifications of the property, including the zone it is in, which is Lightweight Manufacturing Warehouse (LMW) district, and the history of the various uses of the property. One specific use that Mr. Schilling highlights is the approval of a special exception use permit to allow part of the building to operate as a Church, in 2011, under the pursuant of Section 263-20 of the Village Code. He continues by stating that the Board at that time determined that the Church met all the seven requirements for that permit. Mr. Schilling discusses the current use of the property, which includes the Church, a dance studio, and a daycare center. Under Section 263-20 of the Village Code, Longview School is seeking a SEUP to allow the school to operate within the LMW district, as the Church does now. Mr. Schilling discusses the current properties in this district and states that the seven factors that were met by the Church would also be met by the School. Mr. Schilling describes the seven factors and how the School meets all seven, informing the Board that the School would have similar effects on a community as the Church currently has; the project would not offend the development of the district, it would be consistent with its surroundings, it would not impair on the value of neighboring properties, and have no parking or traffic issues. Mr. Schilling discusses the history of Longview School, which began in 2001 and moved to the Village of Brewster in 2011 and has supported the community in many ways. Longview School currently has 30 students enrolled and the number is assumed to increase to 40, and there are six full time educators and six part time staff members. Mr. Jacobs would like to keep Longview School in the Village and is hoping to open the school at the new location in September. Mr. Schilling discusses the process the applicant has gone through so far with the Code Enforcement Officer, Bill Scorca and the Building Inspector, Joe Hernandez, and explains that no issues were found with the site inspection so now the process continues with the Board of Trustees. Mr. Schilling goes over the seven factors of the SEUP and how the school meets all of them, like the Church did. He believes the use is in harmony with the district, and ensures the Board that there will be no location change of the building itself or structural enlargement and that the building will not emit any disturbances that would be considered a nuisance. He further informs the Board that the property values of the surrounding area would likely increase with the new use and upkeep of the building that Mr. Jacobs will provide. Mr. Schilling also notes that there will be an increase in business for the market across the street and the restaurant next to that due to the parents and staff going in and out of the building. Mr. Schilling informs the Board that there will be no impact to traffic, with preliminary tests showing that there could be up to 43 trips within a day in and out of the property, which the road it is located on can handle. Mr. Schilling also notes that this building has one of the largest parking lots in the Village, with 35 spots, that will be reviewed by the Planning Board during the site plan approval process. Mr. Schilling states that there will be no additional services needed to be provided by the Village. He mentions Section 263-23 of the Village Code, which allows the Board to impose conditions if those conditions were to improve the value, health and safety of the community. Mr. Schilling notes that the applicant is a nonprofit but is prepared to pay additional expenditures for conditions proposed by the Board, for any reason pertaining to the value, health and safety of the Village. Mr. Frank Smith speaks about the history of the building along with its uses and explains that the use of a school would be a more conforming use, similar to the nonconforming uses that was previously used at the property but will be more condensed. He continues stating the school would operate between school hours and would

have limited week night and weekend activity. He also states that the proposed use does not impair the eventual elimination of a nonconforming use within the district. Mr. Smith completes the presentation by requesting that the Board grant the SEUP for the Longview School for the reasons he and Mr. Schilling have stated and thanks the Board for their consideration and opens the discussion for questions or comments. Deputy Mayor Piccini remarks that she is glad Section 263-25 was presented as a vehicle to allow this for this project to move forward because while Mr. Schilling and Mr. Smith have talked about what was allowed in 2011, the changes in the zoning and the dates for that redefined area and the applicable Section 263-20 doesn't have a Special Exception Use listed for that designated for the LMW district. She further states that the clause 263-25 does allow the SEUP to be provided through that. She also appreciates that Mr. Smith and Mr. Schilling addressed each of the clauses for the SEUP to allow that to be a consideration. Deputy Mayor Piccini asks that if this is not an appropriate way to go that if Counsel could advise a better option. Counsel Molé states that Section 263-25 is one way the Board may proceed and says that based on Mr. Smith's arguments, he hit the points on how and why this use would be more conforming with the neighborhood, which is up to the Board's consideration and review. Counsel Molé would also like to remind the Board of procedure, that if nothing further is required from the applicant, the Board could make a referral to Planning Board and the Putnam County Planning Department, to review and make comments, before a public hearing. Deputy Mayor Piccini believes that the most critical point that was discussed is that this project does not impair ability to remediate a nonconforming use in the future, and she also likes the idea of a school and keeping it in the community. Trustee Gaspar asks Mr. Bill Scorca to speak about the preliminary site inspection that was conducted with Mr. Joe Hernandez and Mr. Jacobs but Mr. Scorca was having technical difficulties and could not share his comments at that time. Trustee Gaspar recalls a conversation with Mr. Scorca about his findings and Mr. Scorca feels very comfortable with the project. Trustee Gaspar recall that Mr. Scorca said all needs of the school will be met within the structure and the structure would need minor improvements to convert it into a school. Mayor Schoenig discusses the history of Longview School and the Village, and that Mr. Jacobs believes in the revitalization and staying in the Village to improve it further, which the Mayor is grateful for. Mayor Schoenig notes that there have been no issues, and he states that he is in favor of this project and clarifies that a school is a better use for the property in the district, as a SEUP, and the Board agrees; Trustee Boissonnault looks forward to the upgrades to the outside of the building, and is in agreement with the other Board members and Trustee Bryde also has no issues. Deputy Mayor Piccini reiterates that if the Board wishes to impose any disclaimers or special clauses on this project that Mr. Smith had stated earlier, that it was still allowed under the SEUP, Section 263-25. Counsel Molé would like to discuss that briefly, stating that the Board is allowed to set clauses so long as they benefit the community, and that applies to any and all SEUP that the Village grants. Mr. Scorca is able to reconnect to the meeting and discusses the good relationship that the Longview School has with the Village and that it is an ideal location. Mr. Scorca states that there would be minor changes externally and more changes will happen within the inside for the building for the school. The Board discusses the next steps in the process of the SEUP and states that the Planning Board, the Town of Southeast Planning Department and the Putnam County Planning Department have 30 days to respond with comments or questions. Deputy Mayor Piccini states that the Village Planning Board will have enough time to review the plans because their Board requires information at least ten days before a meeting, and their next meeting is on June 16, 2020. Mr. Mark Jacobs would like to thank the Board for their time and their support. Mr. Jacobs is doing everything they can do to open in September, having all contractors lined up and proper building permits ready for once the project receives the approval it needs. He requests that the Board call for a public hearing on June 17, 2020, which is the next regularly scheduled meeting. He realizes the request calls for a tight time frame but states that this would allow for continuity of services for his students. Counsel Molé notes that the public hearing can be held on the 17th but a vote does not need to be made on the 17th if the Board feels they need more time to make a decision. Trustee Gaspar believes that the Board should not make a judgement call until the Board hears from all parties involved. Mayor Schoenig motions that the Board of Trustees be declared Lead Agency for the project, Trustee Gaspar 2nd, all in favor 5 to 0. Mayor Schoenig asks if the Board has any issues with having the public hearing on June 17, 2020 and Trustee Gaspar states that we may not get an answer back from the Planning Board, as their meeting is on June 16, 2020. Mayor Schoenig informs the applicant that if no answer is given to the Board of Trustees by any of the parties previously mentioned, the Board cannot vote on the matter. The Board discusses the possibility of when a decision can be made, as there is currently no meeting set for the first week in July. The Board agrees to set the public hearing and make a decision to vote the night of, which is dependent on if comments are received or not. Mayor Schoenig motions to set a public hearing on June 17, 2020 at 7:30 or soon thereafter on Zoom Cloud Meeting, Meeting

ID: 207 812 8623 in regards to the SEUP for the Longview School, Deputy Mayor Piccini 2nd all in favor 5 to 0. Mayor Schoenig refers the project to the Village Planning Board, as well as the Town of Southeast Planning Department and the Putnam County Planning Department, Trustee Boissonnault 2nd, all in favor 5 to 0. Mayor Schoenig clarifies that the applicant has sent out notifications to the surrounding properties about this project. Mr. Smith has the list and is waiting for the notice.

5. PACE Training for Village Boards. Clerk Chiudina explains the PACE training for the Village Boards with Ms. Tiffany Zezula, who the Boards has used in the past. and they discuss prices and methods. She explains that Ms. Zezula is willing to do the training in person but they must be held in a small group so it would have to be multiple sessions, but the training could also be done on Zoom. Clerk Chiudina informs the Board of the rates for the training, which is dependent on the type of training needed, whether it be more specific or generalized. The Board discusses the options of doing in person training later on or Zoom training if COVID-19 restrictions are still in place and on the type of training needed by all of the Boards. The Board agrees that training is necessary but decides to wait until New York is fully open and to see when projects will be coming forward for the revitalization.

6. Minutes for approval.

6.1. May 20, 2020 Minutes. Trustee Bryde motions to approve the minutes from the May 20, 2020 meeting, Trustee Boissonnault 2nd all in favor 5 to 0.

7. Vouchers Payable – 5/31/2020 FY 2020. Trustee Bryde reviewed the FY 2020 vouchers in the office today and found everything in order.

7.1. A -	GENERAL FUND	\$29,306.72
7.2. C –	REFUSE & GARBAGE	19,211.57
7.3. F -	WATER FUND	43,110.12
7.4. G -	SEWER FUND	58,055.47
7.5. H63 -	TONETTA BROOK MARVIN AVE. HEADWALL	35,757.88

Total Vouchers Payable	\$185,443.76
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Mayor Schoenig motions to approve the vouchers payable amount for FY 2020, as written, Trustee Boissonnault 2nd all in favor 5 to 0.

8. Vouchers Payable – 6/3/2020 FY 2021. Trustee Bryde reviewed the FY 2021 vouchers in the office today and found everything in order.

8.1. A -	GENERAL FUND	\$1,052.93
8.2. C –	REFUSE & GARBAGE	286.18
8.3. F -	WATER FUND	295.79
8.4. G -	SEWER FUND	155.99
8.5. TA -	TRUST & AGENCY	1,488.35

Total Vouchers Payable	\$3,279.24
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Mayor Schoenig motions to approve the vouchers payable amount for FY 2021, as written, Trustee Gaspar 2nd all in favor 5 to 0.

9. Other Business – None.

10. New Business

- 10.1. Mayor Schoenig addresses the demonstration to be held in the Village of Brewster on Friday June 5, 2020. Mayor Schoenig recalls the events that have taken place since Sunday, when the Village was informed that the protest was going to be happening on that coming Friday. Mayor Schoenig and Chief Del Gardo reached out to Putnam County Sheriff Department and the New York State Troopers, and worked on a plan to keep everyone safe. The Mayor explains that the Village found out that a flyer was going around that the location was Markel Park but the Village had no other information pertaining to a route or if it was going to stay at Markel Park. The Mayor, the Chief, the Sheriff's Department and the State Troopers had spent three days getting a plan together to ensure that the protest would remain safe for the community and those involved. Mayor Schoenig found out that two of the Town Councilmembers decided to take it upon themselves to have the protest, turned vigil, moved to Wells Park because those Council members did not want the demonstration to be at Markel Park because it is closed, and he mentions that Wells Park is also closed and the Sheriff's Department allowed that to happen. Mayor Schoenig explains that those Councilmembers had no authority to change the vigil to Wells Park and neither did the Sheriff's Department. Mayor Schoenig further explains that even though this was going to take place in the Village of

Brewster, it was going to be on Town property, Markel Park, but those Councilmembers did not want it to happen there because these demonstrators had no permit or insurance. Mayor Schoenig recalls reaching out to the Town of Southeast Supervisor, Tony Hay and asking him what municipality also received insurance and a permit from the protest organizers that were having demonstrations in other parts of Putnam County. Mayor Schoenig informs the Board that he had reached out to the organizers to inform them that the vigil will be allowed at Wells Park, but now Chief Del Gardo, the Sheriff's Department, the State Police, and the Emergency Services have wasted three days' worth of planning to come up with a new plan at this new location. Mayor Schoenig notes that now this protest is no longer on Main Street and now on the side streets in residential neighborhoods and states that there is no reason for this to have happened. He continues by stating the fact that Town Councilmembers, who took it upon themselves to volunteer the Village to host this vigil at Wells Park are disgraceful. Mayor Schoenig has a lot of issues with how this change happened and recommends the Board should send a letter to Town Council, and Board is in agreement. Mayor Schoenig recalls reaching out to Supervisor Tony Hay when he was told the demonstration was going to involve Markel Park to inform him that the protest will now be a vigil at Markel Park and suggested that Supervisor Hay opens the park so there are no problems. Mayor Schoenig remarks that the Town is lucky the organizers are so understanding in moving the demonstration and want this to be peaceful as well. He asks the Board to imagine if this were to happen in Manhattan and the City's government tried to tell the protesters that they could not have a protest, and the Board agrees that there would be chaos. Mayor Schoenig states that going behind the Village's backs to move the demonstration, after so many people have been working on a plan for three days, just because the organizers don't have insurance or a permit, is unbelievable. Trustee Boissonnault says that it is one thing to turn them down but to move it to a location that is considered Village property, is unfair and asks if this was the full Town Council acting in this decision. Mayor Schoenig responds that it was not the full Council's decision and remembers that while he was on the phone with the Sheriff's Department working on the plan, he heard a Town Councilmember arguing with an officer stating that this demonstration could not take place at Markel Park. The Board recognizes that many members of the community have said that the Board is kowtowing and Mayor Schoenig states that the Board is not doing that but trying to defuse the situation so there are no issues. He wonders if people could show up in both places or one location over another due to the proximity to the demonstration. Trustee Boissonnault states that the Town Council represents the Village as well and it's awful that they wouldn't reach out to work with the Village on this. He continues stating that having the event at Markel Park would have been safer for the people of the Village who are also part of the Town of Southeast. Trustee Bryde agrees and states that the Village was usurped. Deputy Mayor Piccini understands that a municipality doesn't want to have a protest on their property but she doesn't understand why a municipality would offer an alternative that the municipality is not authorized to offer. Mayor Schoenig was told by an organizer that the Sheriff's office told the organizers that the event could not be at Markel Park, and must be at Wells Park and this decision was not under the authority of the Village of Brewster or the Brewster Police Department. Mayor Schoenig reiterates that the Village knew nothing about the protest when it was first brought to his attention, there was only a flyer stating it would take place in the Village of Brewster at 12 pm on Friday, June 5, 2020. He continues by recalling that when the Village found out the protest involved Markel Park, he reached out to Supervisor Hay, and that is because it is a Town property in the Village and the Village assumed this is where the march would begin. Mayor Schoenig emphasizes that there was a plan in place to protect residents and protesters, and unfortunately due to the actions of those Town Councilmembers, three days of work lost. The Board agrees it is disrespectful. Trustee Boissonnault also emphasizes that Wells Park is in a residential neighborhood and argues that having the event at Markel Park is more manageable especially when considering the parking. He states that most of the protest in the area are successful in terms of safety, but remarks that the parking will be an issue at Wells Park and worries about parking people in a residential area and reiterates the ease of parking at Markel Park. Trustee Boissonnault also mentions that if this protest were to get violent, it could endanger homeowners in residential areas. Trustee Bryde asks why would the Sheriff's Department say it is fine to move the vigil and why it was not discussed with the Village and Mayor Schoenig says he has no idea and that the Sheriff has no jurisdiction to say where an event takes place, only enforcing the laws. Mayor Schoenig recalls speaking to Chief Del Gardo while the Chief was on the phone with all of the police departments and heard the Councilmember arguing with the Sheriff and Chief asked the Mayor if he knew about this and the Mayor responded he was just finding out about this now. Mayor Schoenig mentions the conversations on social media

and that is stirring the pot, and remarks that if this was left alone, there would have been no issues. Now there is discussions in various Facebook groups on the subject and the comments that are being made are not helping defuse the situation. Mayor Schoenig references the lease for Wells Park, which is owned by the Town of Southeast, and the Mayor questions if the Town would have still sent the organizers to Wells Park if it wasn't leased by the Village of Brewster or did the Town send them to Wells Park to make it a Village problem. Trustee Boissonnault discusses the parking issues, nothing that there is enough spots for 35 cars, on a good day as well as there not being a way to close the playground. He also discusses the COVID-19 issues, which is the reason why the park is not open nor are the bathrooms and he stresses that Markel Park has the ability to close their playground area unlike Wells Park. Trustee Boissonnault discusses how the Village Board would like a better relationship with the Town and how the public would like the Village and Town to have a better relationship but when the Town representatives do something like this to the residents of the Town and Village, it is unfair to everyone they represent. Trustee Bryde says that there was no thought put into the decision that was made by those Town Councilmembers. Mayor Schoenig questions why the Town didn't call the Village to discuss the situation further. He reiterates that Markel Park is Town property that is in the Village of Brewster that the organizers wanted to use, and does not understand why the Village was not contacted. He understands that residents may not have been happy that the park was being opened to protesters and not those who want to use the park and that there are no permits or insurances filed but Mayor Schoenig argues that there were no permits or insurances filed anywhere. Deputy Mayor Piccini discusses the possibility of a large turn out and how the grounds at Wells Park will be negatively affected and that the Village does not have the money budgeted or in a reserve account to remediate that. Trustee Gaspar states that if there is any damage done to Village property, it will be the Town's burden. He would also like a similar letter to be sent to the Sheriff's Department as they had no authority to move the protest. Mayor Schoenig echoes the letter that was posted to the public stating that the Village of Brewster is respecting everyone's right to peaceful protest, and notes that Markel Park is the best spot to do a demonstration like this. The Board discusses the possible reasons why the organizers chose the Village of Brewster and not somewhere else in the Town. Mayor Schoenig spoke with the organizers and they said the vigil would be a moment of silence for less than 10 minutes and their plan is to disperse after, and he doesn't understand why that is a big deal to the Town. Trustee Bryde doesn't understand why someone on the Town Council would not consult with Supervisor Hay before making this decision, and that the Village Board members would go to the Mayor and Board first before going ahead, and Trustee Gaspar states that there is no respect. Trustee Boissonnault asks the Board to imagine if this was the other way around and the Village told the protesters to go to Town property instead. The Board agreed that the Town Council would not stand for that. Trustee Boissonnault stresses that how disrespectful the actions of those Councilmembers were and how they are disrespecting the people they represent. The Village is part of the Town and they don't act that way. Tony Hay was in the dark and he should be angry. Deputy Mayor Piccini states that the Town does not act like their constituents include the Village of Brewster residents and this is another indication of that. She also asks for clarification if Supervisor Hay knew this would happen. Mayor Schoenig recalls the conversation with Supervisor Hay earlier that day, just after he received word that a Town Councilmember was moving the protest to Wells Park. Supervisor Hay said he was receiving some backlash about allowing people in the park and he was considering closing the gates and Mayor Schoenig explained the situation that was currently unfolding, having a Town Councilmember move the vigil to Wells Park. Mayor Schoenig states that Supervisor Hay had no idea what the Mayor was talking about. Trustee Boissonnault questions if those two Town Council members will come out on social media and tell the people they represent that it was their idea and the Board agreed that those people would not. Mayor Schoenig reiterates that the Village has spent a lot of time and resources to prepare for the protest/vigil and changing it is disrespectful. Mayor Schoenig repeats that the Village did not know where the protest was going to be from the start and when the Mayor found out it was going to be at Markel Park he contacted the Town to keep that Council informed but the Town Councilmembers went around the Village Board and our police to change it. The Board recognizes the written request in the Zoom chat for Eric Larca to speak. The Board asks that he waits until Public Comment.

11. Public Comment.

- 11.1. Eric Larca from the Town of Southeast Council discusses the situation through his eyes. Trustee Gaspar asks if Mr. Larca instigated this move and Mr. Larca said he did not and he does not know who did. He states that a few residents had contacted him with their disapproval that the Town was going to open up Wells Park for the

demonstration. He continued to explain the conversation with Supervisor Hay about the conversation he had with Mayor Schoenig about how the situation was to be handled and Mr. Larca thought it was being handled well by the Village of Brewster. He clarifies that he found out that the location was moved without notice and did not know it was happening. He ensures the Board that he believed Markel Park was an appropriate spot after it was explained to him and he did not call the Sheriff's Department nor does he know who did. Mayor Schoenig asks Mr. Larca what would possess a Town Councilmember to overstep the Town Supervisor and go to the Sheriff's Department and tell them to inform the organizers that the demonstration would not happen at Markel Park and to move it to Wells Park. Mayor Schoenig also asked what the Town would do if the Village Board decided to move a protest/vigil from Wells Park to Markel Park and argues that the Town Council would be livid. Mr. Larca does not disagree with the Mayor, and Trustee Gaspar asks who on the Town Council made this decision, and Mayor Schoenig says it was Councilman John O'Connor, who is the newest councilman to the Board. The Board is in disbelief that one person would make this decision. Trustee Boissonnault says that the decisions that are made in the Town affect the Village and argues that those who run for office want to make the place where they live a better place. The Village Board wants to keep the Town and Village safe but when the Town decided to move this event into a neighborhood, the decision has possibly put the families at risk. Mr. Larca is not disagreeing with the Village Board and would have liked to have discussed this beforehand. Trustee Boissonnault asks Mr. Larca to clarify if he knew that this move was going to happen and he replies that the statement is 100% correct. Trustee Gaspar states that he is having a hard time believing him or any of the other members of the Council. Mr. Larca says that he is sorry Trustee Gaspar feels that way. Mr. Larca reiterates that when he spoke with Supervisor Hay last night and felt secure with what Supervisor Hay told him about the Village's efforts with the local police departments. Trustee Boissonnault asks if Mr. Larca will speak publicly at the Town Council meeting tomorrow and condemn this move by the Councilmembers in question and Mr. Larca says he will condemn it. Mayor Schoenig cannot believe that a new Council member would go over the Town Supervisor's head and went around the Village Board to go to the Sheriff's department and change these plans without consulting anyone. Mr. Larca mentions that he does want a better relationship between the Town Council and Village Board. Trustee Boissonnault states that he will be watching the meeting and hopes Mr. Larca keeps his word and reiterates that it is important to work together especially on these issues. Trustee Bryde states that these situations need to be handled by the governing body in that jurisdiction. Mayor Schoenig reminds Mr. Larca that when he found out the demonstration was going to be at Markel Park, he informed Supervisor Hay. He points out that the Town Council member went straight to the Sheriff's Office without discussing the course of action with the Town Council, Village Board or Village Police Department. Trustee Boissonnault understands that constituents could be angry that the demonstration was taking place at Markel Park but asks Mr. Larca to imagine the feelings of the constituents of the neighborhood that the demonstration is taking place. Trustee Bryde notes that this could be potentially scary for those in that neighborhood. Trustee Boissonnault remarks that he, as well as the other Board members, coexist with their constituents in the same neighborhood, and that when events, particularly negative events, happen in the Village it directly affects the Village Board and their family and friends as well. Mayor Schoenig asks to take that thought a step further, and explains that social distancing will not be possible during these kinds of protests but now that this one in particular has been moved to a residential area, those residents are now at a higher risk to COVID-19 with the influx in the amount of people in a small area. The Board agrees that it will endanger those in the area. The Board expresses their anger and disappointment in the Town Board. Mr. Larca appreciates the Board for letting him speak.

- 11.2. The Board asks if Councilman John Lord knew that this change was going to happen. Mr. Lord states that he had no knowledge prior to tonight, except that the protest was to happen Friday at noon in the Village of Brewster. He informs the Board that he came onto the Zoom meeting tonight to ask the Village Board questions about the demonstration. Trustee Boissonnault asks what Mr. Lord thinks of the Councilmember moving the protest to a Village park without requesting the permission of the Village. Mr. Lord agrees that it was wrong and that if the Town Board didn't want the vigil at Markel Park, he suggested Electrazone could have been an option. The Board agrees that would have been a more viable option as well. Trustee Bryde notes that Councilman O'Connor most likely did not think this move through thoroughly enough. Mr. Lord doesn't know what motivates those Councilmembers' actions. Mayor Schoenig argues that if Supervisor Hay, Mr. Larca nor Mr. Lord knew about the change, that means that the junior Councilmember overstepped the authority for all three of them. Mr. Lord

knows of Mr. O'Connor's position with the County, which may have motivated him to make the call that he did. Trustee Boissonnault notes that Mr. O'Connor is involved in safety and he just did the most unsafe action and possibly endanger the Village residents. Mayor Schoenig asks how the Town Council goes about addressing the public comments in their meetings and that Supervisor Hay says the comment must be submitted ahead of time to be read at the meeting. Mr. Lord admits that what Supervisor Hay said is true but tells the Board that they should include that those Trustees in attendance need to be entertained live on the feed. Mayor Schoenig states the vigil will be taken place at Wells Park at noon on Friday, June 5, 2020 because that Councilman has usurped the Village Board and canceled the event at Markel Park.

11.3. Mr. Scott Seaman of the Brewster School Board of Education discusses the ballots for the school budget voting. Mr. Seaman explains that the third-party company that was used had a shortage in the supply line for envelopes, which caused a delay in the mailing. He suggests the public does not mail your mail in ballot, but to drop it off at the box that is being monitored outside the District Office on Farm to Market Road. He further explains that the ballots must be dropped off by 5 pm on June 9, 2020 to be counted. Clerk Chiudina requests that the information should be sent to her so it can be posted on the Village website and Facebook. Mayor Schoenig expresses his concern about the reliability of the postal system and asks what happens to those who did not receive a ballot. Mr. Seaman suggests that those people contact the District Clerk to make other arrangements. Mr. Seaman informs the Board that there was a teacher parade throughout the Village and Town for the entire school district. He also informs the Board that on June 18, 2020, there will be the drive-in graduation at the high school along with a convoy lead by the fire department and the graduating class' top ten seniors, which will begin at the Kohl's parking lot. Mr. Seaman appreciates that the Village will now be hosting the vigil and comments that he will be in attendance. Trustee Bryde mentions Mr. Seaman's efforts at the food drive and recalls the success of it.

11.4. Mr. Richard Lowell discusses the march and the verbal jousting that occurred because of the flyer. He asks about the training and using the County auditorium, to comply with social distancing regulations. Mayor Schoenig notes that the limit is 10 people no matter the size of the venue, which is why Churches can only have 10 people at funerals and other services. Mr. Lowell would like clarification on the amount of days needed for the Planning Board to review a project. He notes that there are only nine business days before the meeting and 13 full days, and asks how information will be distributed. Clerk Chiudina informs Mr. Lowell that the plans for the project are at Village Hall, which is now open and she will send out of PDF copies that she had emailed to her. Deputy Mayor Piccini notes that because the Board has referred the project to the Planning Board, no number of days needs to be met and Trustee Gaspar clarifies that if an applicant is submitting plans and paperwork to the Planning Board directly, the Planning Board must receive the application ten calendar days before a meeting. Mr. Lowell states that neighbors have been having issues with commercial vehicles parking overnight on the road. The Board believes that this is not allowed and Counsel Molé will look into it further. Mr. Lowell also mentions that some of the corners of the streets where we don't want parking, the paint on the road has faded and needs to be repainted. He recalls some areas, one at casino and center, prospect and wells, and admits that there are probably more. Trustee Gaspar notes that we need to have the striping done now that the paving project is coming to the end. Deputy Mayor Piccini discusses the informal preliminary meetings with Code Enforcement for applications over the Board of Trustees and what the process is. She observes that there is no time frame to submitting applications and states that it needs to be included on those forms.

12. Mayor Schoenig motions to adjourn, Trustee Boissonnault 2nd all in favor 5 to 0.

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MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT**

1. <u>GENERAL INFORMATION</u>		
Report No: 5 of 2020	Date: 6/03/2020	Contract No:
Facility Name: VOB / EPA Stormwater Phase II Regulations		

2. <u>ENGINEERS STATUS OF PROJECT</u> (Narrative description of the Upgrade Project tasks (and subtasks) undertaken by the Engineer as set forth in the Engineer's Contract and Scope of Work including :	
a.	Activities completed this month (attach additional pages as needed):
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Close public comment on the NYSDEC MS4 Annual Report May 15, 2020. No comments were received. • Final Annual Report submitted to the NYSDEC on May 19, 2020.
b.	Status of activities in progress this month (attach additional pages as needed):
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain monthly stormwater maintenance/good housekeeping reports quantifying the number of pounds of litter and the amount of sand cleaned up throughout the Village.
c.	Activities scheduled (attach additional pages as needed):
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address comments, if any, from the NYSDEC on Annual Report. • Perform inspection Tonetta and Wells Brook Stormwater Retrofit Ponds. • Perform dry weather inspections on Village outfalls.

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MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT**

1. <u>GENERAL INFORMATION</u>		
Report No: 5 of 2020	Date: 6/03/2020	Contract No:
Facility Name: VOB / PLANNING BOARD REVIEW AND CONSULTATION		

2. <u>ENGINEERS STATUS OF PROJECT</u> (Narrative description of the Upgrade Project tasks (and subtasks) undertaken by the Engineer as set forth in the Engineer's Contract and Scope of Work including:
a. Projects reviewed this month (attach additional pages as needed)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Planning Board reviews were required in the month of April
b. Status of Planning Board projects (attach additional pages as needed):
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 538 North Main Street – Construction Ongoing/Amendment Approved • 79 Main Street Resolution Requirements; Inspections • 530 North Main Street – Ongoing Inspections
c. Activities scheduled (attach additional pages as needed):
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue plan review and meetings for B.O.S. Land Development • Perform site inspection at 538 North Main Street, when needed • 530 North Main Street, Ongoing Inspections • Perform site inspection at 79 Main Street, when needed